



## **Minutes TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION December 14, 2011**

**Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 6 p.m. on December 14, 2011, within the Tempe Public Library Conference Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Frank Williams, Chair  
Shirlee King, Vice Chair  
Nikie Crawford  
Nancy Goren  
Barbara Hanigsberg  
Hotchy Kiene  
Robert Moore

**City Staff Present:**

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator - Grants; Public Art/Art in Private Development  
Eric Iwersen, Senior Transportation Planner  
Rachael Peterson, Administrative Assistant - Library and Cultural Services Division  
Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Director - Library and Cultural Services Division

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Susan Bendix  
Patrick Fanning  
Donna Goyette  
Hilary Harp  
Dave Kephart  
Celeste Plumlee  
Janis Webb

**Guest(s) Present:**

Woody Wilson, LakeShore Music

**Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order**

- Frank Williams, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the December 14, 2011, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Minutes Document**

- Frank Williams, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, asked the TMAC members to review an **unapproved minutes document** dated **November 9, 2011**.
- **MOTION:** Barbara Hanigsberg moved to approve the November 9, 2011, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Minutes Document as presented.  
**SECOND:** Hotchy Kiene seconded.  
**DECISION:** November 9, 2011, TMAC Minutes Document approved as presented.

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### **Agenda Item 3 - Cultural Services Division Director's Report**

- Adrienne Richwine, City of Tempe Community Services Department Deputy Director - Library and Cultural Services Division, announced her retirement from the City of Tempe effective December 16, 2011. Richwine thanked the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members for their service to the Tempe community, and further thanked the TMAC members for the dedicated support that they continue to provide to the arts in Tempe, as well as to the City of Tempe Library and Cultural Services Division staff members.
- A. Richwine reported that Don Fassinger, City of Tempe Cultural Facilities Administrator, will serve as the staff liaison to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) and will attend the TMAC meeting scheduled to occur on January 11, 2012.
- Frank Williams, TMAC Chair, congratulated A. Richwine and further acknowledged that the Tempe community has been well-served as a result of Richwine's many efforts.
- A. Richwine encouraged the TMAC members to view the **Library and Cultural Services Division Director's Report** attached to their regular meeting packets listing events scheduled to occur within the City of Tempe Library and Cultural Services Division in December, 2011, and January, 2012. Richwine further encouraged the TMAC members to view the following website for additional information related to programming and events at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA): **[www.tempe.gov/tca](http://www.tempe.gov/tca)**.
- A. Richwine suggested that the TMAC members contact Rachael Peterson, City of Tempe Library and Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant, if they'd like additional information or web links related to upcoming art events and related cultural programming via email message at **[Rachael\\_Peterson@tempe.gov](mailto:Rachael_Peterson@tempe.gov)**.

### **Agenda Item 4 - Chairperson's Report**

- Frank Williams, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, distributed the current TMAC membership roster to the TMAC members. Williams asked each member to indicate which members they'd prefer to serve as representatives of the **2012 TMAC Executive Slate of Officers**.
- Maja Aurora, City of Tempe Arts Coordinator, and Rachael Peterson, City of Tempe Library and Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant, compiled the results of the TMAC members and presented the TMAC members with the following 2012 TMAC Executive Slate of Officers:
  - **Chair: Nancy Goren;**
  - **Vice Chair: Shirlee King.**
- **MOTION:** Hotchy Kiene moved to approve the 2012 TMAC Executive Slate of Officers as presented.  
**SECOND:** Nikie Crawford seconded.  
**DECISION:** 2012 TMAC Executive Slate of Officers approved as presented.

### **Agenda Item 5 - Update: Lakeshore Jazz Series at Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) and Levitt Pavilion**

- Frank Williams, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, introduced **Woody Wilson**, LakeShore Music President, and further welcomed W. Wilson to the TMAC meeting.
- W. Wilson facilitated a presentation in regards to the **LakeShore Jazz Music Series** at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA). Wilson explained that the music series began in

the back room of **Monti's La Casa Vieja** in 2007, and evolved with the support of the Friends of TCA to become a ticketed Jazz music series specific to the Tempe community at the Tempe Center for the Arts.

- W. Wilson noted that the City of Tempe works with LakeShore Music and the Friends of TCA to promote the Jazz series; W. Wilson also indicated that the music series is generously sponsored by **Bob Ravenscroft and the Jazz Bird Foundation**, as well as by several businesses within Tempe.
- W. Wilson encouraged the TMAC members to attend the 2012 LakeShore Jazz Music Series; W. Wilson acknowledged that LakeShore Music is offering ticket package deals and specials through the **TCA Box Office**. Wilson directed the TMAC members to the following website for ticket sales at the TCA:
  - <http://www.tempe.gov/tca/About/BoxOffice.htm>.

#### **Agenda Item 6 - Report: Tempe Beach Park Levitt Pavilion Proposal**

- Frank Williams, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, introduced **Eric Iwersen**, City of Tempe Senior Transportation Planner, and further welcomed E. Iwersen to the TMAC meeting.
- E. Iwersen facilitated a PowerPoint presentation in regards to **Levitt Pavilion**, a proposed outdoor entertainment venue within Tempe Beach Park.
- E. Iwersen explained that the City of Tempe and the Rio Salado Foundation hopes to partner with the Levitt Foundation to create an entertainment venue that will build upon the strengths of Tempe arts opportunities. Iwersen cited the following examples of Tempe community arts opportunities:
  - **The Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA);**
  - **Arizona State University's (ASU) Grady Gammage Auditorium;**
  - **The Marquee Theater;**
  - **Mill Avenue;**
- E. Iwersen noted the following Tempe-specific outdoor venue needs:
  - **Downtown Tempe locale;**
  - **A 2500 person open lawn seating area;**
  - **Parking and public transportation;**
  - **Access and "Load-In" Space;**
  - **Lighting and power;**
  - **Public restrooms;**
  - **WiFi;**
  - **A 3000 square foot structure;**
  - **A sustainable design.**
- E. Iwersen explained that the City of Tempe will continue to work with its partner organizations to develop a venue concept and to raise funds for the project.
- E. Iwersen affirmed that per the Tempe City Council, City of Tempe staff will continue to confirm the pavilion location as being specific to Tempe Beach Park, confirm fundraising through the Rio Salado Foundation and compose a letter of intent to the Levitt Foundation.
- E. Iwersen further noted that he has met with the following groups to discuss the Levitt Pavilion:
  - **City of Tempe Boards and Commissions (Parks and Recreation Board, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission);**

- **The Tempe City Council;**
- **The Downtown Tempe Community (DTC) Board;**
- **The Friends of TCA;**
- **ASU Campus Planning;**
- **Area Resident Focus Groups;**
- **The Tempe Tourism Executive Committee;**
- **The Tempe Chamber of Commerce;**
- **The Rio Salado Foundation.**

#### **Agenda Item 7A - Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) Report**

- No report.

#### **Agenda Item 7B - Grants Report**

- Maja Aurora, City of Tempe Arts Coordinator, encouraged the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members to contact her via email message at **Maja\_Aurora@tempe.gov** if they'd like to audit an art grant recipient event and/or program. Aurora added that she intends to compile a list of art grant recipient e-newsletters to distribute to the TMAC members as an additional communication tool.
- Nancy Goren, TMAC member, further encouraged the TMAC members to audit City of Tempe Art Grant Recipient programming and events.

#### **Agenda Item 8 - Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) Report**

- Frank Williams, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) Chair, reported that **Arizona Citizens/Action for the Arts, Childsplay, Friends of Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) and LakeShore Music** are sponsoring a Tempe City Council and Mayoral Candidate **arts-specific forum** at 5 p.m. on January 11, 2012, within the Tempe City Council Chambers, 31 E. 5<sup>TH</sup> Street, Tempe.
- F. Williams encouraged the TMAC members to attend; F. Williams further initiated a discussion in regards to altering the date of the previously scheduled January 11, 2012, TMAC meeting to allow the TMAC members to attend the arts forum.
- F. Williams confirmed that several of the TMAC members are able to attend a TMAC meeting on Tuesday, January 10; F. Williams affirmed that the January TMAC meeting will occur at **6 p.m. on January 10, 2012**, within the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe.
- F. Williams noted that the arts forum is free and open to the public; F. Williams also explained that the forum will be streamed online at **www.tempe.gov/tempe11**, as well as recorded for rebroadcast on Tempe's **Channel 11**.

#### **Agenda Item 9 - Commission Members' Announcements**

- Barbara Hanigsberg announced that her Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) term is scheduled to expire effective December 31, 2011. Hanigsberg praised the TMAC members for their commitment to arts advocacy in Tempe, and further thanked the TMAC members for their accomplishments.
- Frank Williams, TMAC Chair, thanked B. Hanigsberg for her service to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission and wished her well in her future endeavors.

**Agenda Item 10 - Public Appearances**

- No appearances.

**Agenda Item 11 - Adjournment**

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. on January 10 within the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, 85282.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

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Reviewed By: Don Fassinger

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Nancy Goren  
Chair, Tempe Municipal Arts Commission